

ROCK CREEK PLAN PROSPECTS BRIGHT

Project to Beautify Valley Is Given Fresh Impetus.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS ACT

Dumping Near F Street Bridge Will Be Stopped After April 15—Matter to Be Thoroughly Gone Over at Monthly Board of Trade Meeting March 8—Naval Stores Under Fire.

With two commercial bodies hard at work for the project and the Commissioners already planning ahead to the time when Congressional appropriation will make possible the commencement of the work of beautifying Rock Creek Valley, those who are pushing the plan are in a decidedly optimistic mood. With the interest already aroused to a high tension and a campaign for increasing the interest already mapped out, it is believed the next Congress will see the necessity of appropriating money at least for the commencement of the work.

The Commissioners took the first step in the campaign yesterday when they issued an order forbidding the further dumping of ashes and refuse on the public dump in Rock Creek Valley, just below the F street bridge, after April 15. That day, as taking the first real governmental action, can be set down as the actual birthday of the Rock Creek Valley parking project.

An extra appropriation will be required to make possible the removal of the dump, the accumulation of thirty years. Steam shovels and hordes of workmen, dummy railroads and all the accessories of a large engineering project will be required to remove the ashes, street sweepings, and filth, without the removal of which the beautification of Rock Creek Valley would be impossible. The Commissioners say they intend to take the matter before the next Congress in an attempt to obtain the necessary appropriation.

Up Before Board of Trade.

The improvement of Rock Creek Valley along the lines suggested by the old McMillan plan for the parking of Washington, and as strongly endorsed by President Taft, Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, and the Washington Society of Fine Arts, will be one of the most important subjects discussed at the March meeting of the Board of Trade in the New Willard, a week from next Wednesday.

A special report from the committee on parks and reservations will be submitted by the chairman, Judge Charles S. Bundy. The report will pay particular attention to the Rock Creek Valley project.

Following the reading and discussion of the report, Richard B. Watrous, a member of the committee, and secretary of the American Civic Association, will deliver an illustrated lecture showing the present conditions in Rock Creek Valley and showing views of like valleys in other cities after proper attention and improvement.

Naval Stores Under Fire.

D. S. Porter, chairman of the committee on industrial interests, will present to the board the question of prohibiting the naval supply depots from competing with private enterprises in the sale of groceries, etc. This committee is on record as favoring the closing of the city post-office on Sunday, and will recommend that the Board of Trade take similar action, and request Postmaster Merritt to issue orders carrying this measure into effect at an early date.

The committee on charities and corrections will ask the Board to indorse the following recommendations:

Approval of the curfew law, establishment of public baths, censorship of cheaper grades of theaters, closing places of amusement on Sunday, and the early erection near City Hall of a house of detention for adults.

The committee on law will recommend the preparation of a municipal code to be prepared at public expense under appropriation by Congress.

Other results expected of the meeting include:

Approval of House bill 23005, as to removal of snow from sidewalks in fire limits of District.

Prompt tuberculin test of all dairy herds supplying milk to the District.

Indorsement of appeal of East Washington Citizens' Association against permanent retention of railroad grade crossings.

Disapproval of the proposition to confer upon the Commissioners of the District the powers of public service commission, and to take away from the Interstate Commerce Commission jurisdiction over the street railways of the District.

A special report recommending that the transverse seat car be used by all companies for long hauls, and on suburban lines, and as far as possible on.

COMPLAINS TO CHAMBER OF SUNDAY THEATERS

Evangelist in Letter Calls Them "Insult to God" and "Offense Against Christian Modesty." Body May Act.

War to the bitter end, with no quarter given or asked, has been declared on all 5-cent picture shows of Washington that keep open on Sunday, by Rev. Charles A. Devaughn, a colored evangelist, living at 1436 Florida avenue. Characterizing the Sunday opening of 5-cent theaters as "an insult to God" and "an offense against Christian modesty" and the theaters themselves as breeding places of immorality, Rev. Mr. Devaughn has written asking the support of the Chamber of Commerce in a crusade against the objectionable Sunday patronage of the places.

The letter, which was addressed to President Oyster, of the Chamber of Commerce, and which will come up for consideration at the meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber Wednesday night, reads in part:

"I am anxious to ask you as president of the Chamber of Commerce to give us your support and the assistance of your department in bringing about a law to close the 5-cent theaters on Sunday, or on any part of the day commonly called Sunday.

INTEREST CENTERS IN COUNTY OFFICES

Political Pot Is Sizzling in Prince George.

ROCKVILLE WOMAN WEDS.

Mrs. Rhoda Ann Espeta, the bride of Samuel S. Welsh, was married at Rockville, Md., Feb. 25. Mrs. Rhoda Ann Espeta, daughter of Jacob Foss, of Rockville, and Samuel S. Welsh, a well-known young farmer of the vicinity of Avery, this county, were married in St. Mary's Catholic Church here at 2 o'clock this afternoon, a small company of relatives and friends of the couple being present. Rev. Philip B. McGuire, pastor of the church, officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Welsh left for a short trip immediately after the ceremony. They will live on Mr. Welsh's farm, near Avery. Mr. Welsh is a son of Edward E. Welsh, a well-known farmer.

REAL ESTATE NOW IN GREAT DEMAND

Dealers Have Embarked on Annual Spring Rush.

UNUSUALLY ACTIVE WINTER

Luxuries Generally Expected Between Christmas and Washington's Birthday Not in Evidence This Year—Brokers Looking Forward to Record-breaking Sales.

After the best general late winter season in a number of years, Washington real estate brokers are getting in the first blows of the annual spring rush campaign, with the beginning of the present week. "Spring is come" with the local real estate broker when Washington's Birthday is passed. As one of the fraternity apply put it yesterday, the brokers are in the vestibule of the spring rush this week.

Not only has the volume of business in local real estate circles for the last two months been unprecedented in the past twelve years, but the past three weeks have shown a steady increase instead of the noticeable lull generally felt at this time. For, according to local real estate dealers, the period between December 15 and February 15 is generally one of the two slow periods of the year. The other period falls in the real hot months—July and August—in the District.

Winter Season Passed.

Now the dealers are looking back on the winter season. They are looking back on a season that promised great things for the next four months in the "real estate game." Instead of detracting from the volume of business to be expected during the spring campaign, the increase in the last two months is indicative of a continued acceleration of activities during the next four months. The conditions smack strongly of a steady boom, in the opinion of the more optimistic dealers.

Last week's sales, in spite of the uncertain weather conditions obtaining early in the week, showed no regression from the progress of the previous fortnight.

Bituminous Dust More Explosive.

The added danger from dust explosions in the bituminous mines is shown by the fact that in a period of twenty-five years 84 men were killed by gas explosions in the anthracite mines, where dust is not a dangerous factor, and the number of men injured from the same cause was 2,942, whereas during a period of seventeen years explosions in the bituminous mines killed 86 and wounded 316. There is little doubt that the comparatively fatal character of the explosions in the bituminous mines is due to the more explosive nature of the bituminous dust.

History of Anthracite Mining.

Anthracite mining began in Pennsylvania in 1814, when twenty long tons were produced for local consumption. The year 1830 is, however, usually considered to mark the beginning of the anthracite industry, as in that year 365 long tons, one for each day of the year, were shipped from the anthracite region. From 1814 to the close of 1909 the total production of anthracite had amounted to 1,871,284,137 long tons, or 2,065,828,224 short tons.

CHOLERA IN HAWAII.

Two Cases Found in the Native Quarter of Honolulu.

Honolulu, Feb. 25.—A quarantine has been established about the native quarter of the city, following the discovery of two cases of cholera. It is believed that the germs were brought in by an Italian ship.

Brakeman Is Killed.

Special to The Washington Herald. Roanoke, Va., Feb. 25.—H. M. Jackson, who is employed by the Norfolk and Western as brakeman, was killed this morning on the Winston-Salem division, near Ferrum, Franklin County. While helping to unload a car, a heavy bridge girder fell on him, killing him instantly. The Jacksonville home was at Red House, Amherst County.

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FOUR OUT FOR TREASURER

Candidates Include E. A. Fuller, of Hyattsville, Who Will Not Be a Representative of Either Faction. Contest for Nomination for Sheriff Growing More Interesting.

Upper Marlboro, Md., Feb. 25.—Although the Democratic primaries for the selection of nominees for the various State and county offices will not be held until some time in midsummer, the forces of the organization and anti-organization factions in Prince George County are lining up for a battle royal, and the indications at this stage of the game are that it will be a battle to the finish.

The greatest interest appears to be centered in the contest for the nomination for county treasurer. The term of this office is four years, and the salary and emoluments aggregate in the neighborhood of \$3,000 per annum. At present the position is held by C. A. M. Wells, son of State Senator Charles A. Wells, who defeated Richard N. Ryan, Republican, by a majority of 13 votes in the entire county. Mr. Ryan "came back" in the fall of 1908 and was elected clerk of the Circuit Court by nearly 500 majority, and had the unique distinction of being the only Republican in the county who pulled through.

In the pending contest, Richard J. Spaulding, district attorney, considered a formidable opponent, has been selected to make the run for the county treasury nomination by the anti-organization people. Dr. Louis A. Griffith is generally understood to have the backing of State Comptroller William B. Clagett, the leader of the organization forces. George W. Hardy, of Surratt's district, claims to have the support of Democrats in both factions, although he has always been looked upon as an organization man.

Fuller Is Unattached.

E. A. Fuller, of Hyattsville, has publicly announced that he is not in the fight as the representative of either faction in the party. For the nomination for the office of State's attorney to succeed M. Hampton Magruder, the situation has been somewhat cleared by the retirement of the incumbent, who announces that he is not a candidate for renomination. T. Howard Duckett, of Bladensburg, supposed to represent the organization forces, is making strenuous fight, while Clarence M. Roberts, of Kent district, is the anti-organization candidate. Alan Bowle, of Brandywine, also supposed to represent the anti-organization forces, is making a strong effort to place him in office.

For the house of delegates Ogden Marbury, a member of the general assembly of 1910, and James C. Boes, Jr., both of Laurel, are understood to be in a receptive mood. Marbury will certainly represent the anti-organization forces, while it is assumed that Boes will represent the organization people. W. R. C. Conick, of Orme; Benjamin Hoffman, of Chillum, and J. J. Crowley, of Kent district, are also spoken of as possible aspirants.

Sheriff's Contest Interesting.

The contest for the nomination for this office of sheriff is growing more interesting each day. It is said that the anti-organization people have selected E. Wiley Sansbury, of Spaulding's district, as their choice for sheriff, with the understanding that Benjamin Ogden is to be his deputy. Theodore B. Middleton was a candidate for the office, but is understood to have stepped aside in the race.

Central High School held its third novice meet of the season yesterday morning, and the showing of the youngsters was gratifying to Coach Foley. The work of the men who are entered in the Georgetown games was a big surprise to the boys of the O street school. They outclassed all the other men in the meet.

In the 800-yard run, R. Urner showed a wonderful burst of speed in the stretch and drew away from the field. Achorn won the Class A 200-yard run in fine style, never being headed.

The mile run proved to be a good race between Tyree and Oppenheimer, the former winning by less than a yard.

Central High School holds a series of novice meets annually, and the one yesterday was the third of the season. March 11 is the date of the last one. The prizes will be given the Monday following the final meet.

The summary: 40 yards, Class A—Pollard, first; McDonough, second; Goodman, third. 60 yards, Class B—Fair, first; Schriver, second; Hunt, third. 80 yards, Class C—Marr, first; Polkhouse, second. 100 yards, Class A—Achorn, first; Goodman, second; Porter, third. 120 yards, Class B—Schriver, first; Fair, second; Baller, third. 140 yards, Class C—Hollingsworth, first; Marr, second; Polkhouse, third. 160 yards, Class A—Pollard, first; Reeves, second; Buell, third. 180 yards, Class A—R. Urner, first; Martin, second; Cox, third. Mile run—Tyree, first; Oppenheimer, second; Selwitz, third.

BLADENBURG TEAM IN LINE.

Suburbanites Plan for Busy Baseball Season.

Special to The Washington Herald. Bladensburg, Md., Feb. 25.—The Bladensburg baseball club has been organized and the newly elected manager, A. B. Duckett, is ready to receive challenges from all teams in Washington. Besides electing Mr. Duckett, the club named F. Dahlen secretary, and Anderson was again chosen captain. Already nearly twenty games have been scheduled for the coming season. Most of these are to be Sunday games, to be played at home. The team will have new suits this year. Kagle, the southpaw slapper, who did such high-class work for the Seaboard last year, will be a member of the Bladensburg club this season. He holds the record of having struck out twenty-four men in a game last year against Benning, which the latter won.

Bailey, who did occasional box work for the Department of Agriculture team in Washington last year, and Duckett, who did most of the pitching for Bladensburg last season, will also form a part of the pitching staff.

Lohman will be behind the bat. Solomon is also available as a catcher. Capt. Anderson will play the initial sack; Bob Hartley will play second; Solomon will cover shortstop, and Bailey will play third. The outfield will be made up of Duckett, W. Hartley, E. Gasch, H. Gasch, O'Neill, and Harbor.

Attorney Barksdale III. Noel W. Barksdale, of the law firm of Wilson & Barksdale, is dangerously ill at his home, 1732 Euclid street, of pneumonia. At a late hour last night there had been no change in his condition.

IRISH TO HONOR EMMET.

Memorial Celebration Planned for Next Sunday Night.

Final arrangements for the grand memorial demonstration in honor of Robert Emmet, to be held at the New National Theater next Sunday night, were completed at a meeting of the United Irish Societies last evening. The celebration will be in aid of St. Ann's Infant Asylum. An interesting and appropriate programme has been arranged, which will include musical and literary numbers of a high order, and addresses by members of Congress and prominent Irish speakers.

KILLS HIMSELF BY INHALING GAS

J. T. White Commits Suicide While Wife Is Away.

Driven to despair by financial reverses, John T. White, a retired groceryman, of 1540 North Capitol street, yesterday committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas while his wife and four children were out for an afternoon walk.

When Mrs. White returned about 1:30 o'clock, she asked her brother, Raymond Ferguson, where her husband was. The brother, who was reading a paper in the parlor, said he had not seen him for about an hour. Mrs. White started to search the house, and, detecting the odor of gas, called to her brother. Mr. Ferguson tried to force the door of White's room, and, being unable to do so, climbed outside and entered through a window. He discovered White lying on the bed with the covers pulled over his head and a rubber tube connected with the gas jet in his mouth.

Dr. C. E. Ferguson who lives at North Capitol and R streets was summoned and pronounced White dead. Coroner Ferguson issued an inquest at the house later and issued a certificate of death by suicide.

White is said to have told friends that he contemplated taking his life. He was forty years old.

GOES TO PRISON FOR STRIKING WIFE

Milton Phillips Says He Was Drunk at Time.

In default of a \$10 fine, Milton Phillips, who knocked his wife down with his fist at Fifteenth street and New York avenue a few nights ago, was sentenced to the workhouse for thirty days by Judge Mulhowny, in the Police Court, yesterday.

Phillips put up the plea of drunkenness, and said he did not know what he was doing. Miss Nannie Stearn, who was with his wife when the assault occurred, was the witness for the prosecution.

CENTRAL HOLDS NOVICE MEET

Coach Foley's Youngsters Make Great Showing.

O Street Lads Do Good Work in Preparation for the Georgetown Games.

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Discharged by Grand Jury.

The grand jury of the District Supreme Court yesterday exonerated John Ambrosia, an Italian, who has been in jail since last Christmas in connection with the killing of Angelo Appetito. Self-defense was the verdict.

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TWO NEGROES LYNCHED.

Slayer of Conductor and Another Charged with Murder Hanged. Warrenton, Ga., Feb. 25.—A negro, who shot and killed Conductor Thompson on a train of the Central Railroad of Georgia yesterday, near here, was taken from jail to-day and lynched. Thompson was shot after he had threatened to put the negro off the train for refusing to pay his fare.

After the negro slayer of Conductor Thompson had been strung up the mob returned to the jail and lynched another negro, who was also being held on a charge of murder.

SANGSTER STILL MISSING.

Telephone Message Fails to Locate Post-office Clerk. Lieut. Hartley, night chief of detectives, said last night he had received a telephone message, saying S. Lee Sangster, a clerk in the Post-office Department, was not missing from home, as reported.

Acting on this advice, Lieut. Hartley detailed a policeman to investigate at the home, 125 First street northwest, where it was learned Sangster was still missing, and his wife had not seen him since Tuesday. The couple have five children.

The police are unable to account for Sangster's strange actions.

Protects Street Cleaners.

For throwing snow off a roof into an alley, Taylor Diver and James Brown were fined \$5 each by Judge Pugh in the Police Court yesterday morning. Judge Pugh told the men the District was having enough trouble removing the snow without residents making the task harder.

Accused of White Slave Trade.

Special to The Washington Herald. Roanoke, Va., Feb. 25.—Mattie Ferguson, a mulatto, was arrested here to-day charged with engaging in the white slave trade. In her house the police found three white girls, one, Pearl Ferris, of Roanoke, fourteen years old; another, a fifteen-year-old girl from Southwest Virginia, and a third girl somewhat older, William Ferguson, a white man, also arrested in the house, claimed to be the Ferguson woman's husband.

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